

I believe those who violate public trust should be denied their government retirement benefits, and I believe most Americans agree. That is why I have re-introduced the "Public Trust and Accountability Act" so that any elected official or federal employee convicted of a "white collar" crime, such as bribery or embezzlement, will forfeit his or her government pension. I voted for the Ethics Rules package brought to the floor recently, but the package does not go far enough. In fact, I believe it is weaker than the House-passed ethics package from last year, and under the new Congressional leadership's rules, I was not even allowed to offer an amendment to this package. Attached are the remarks I gave for the Congressional Record during the debate, in case you would like to read them.

I will continue to work to advance my bill to the House floor as soon as possible in the new session of Congress, so that those who abuse their positions will not receive government pensions. The bill details include:

- Amends current law (5 USC 8312) that provides for loss of pensions for government employees (and Members of Congress) convicted of violating national security laws
- Adds list of current federal "white-collar" criminal offenses like bribery, solicitation of gifts, perjury, making false claims, lying to a grand jury, etc. to the current Title 5 statute
- Applies to all federal government employees regardless of rank or pay grade, including Members of Congress
- It is prospective in nature and does not apply retroactively to any person or group of persons

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